



### **Community News and Events**

#### **Nearly 500 People Attend Assemblymember Hayashi's Jingle Tails Holiday Party at the Oakland Zoo**



Cookies, hot cocoa, and a cornucopia of zoo animals greeted nearly 500 guests at Assemblymember Hayashi's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual "Jingle Tails District Holiday Party and Food Drive" at the Oakland Zoo on Friday, December 12th. This free event offered an opportunity to converse about legislation with the Assemblymember, meet district and capitol staff, and enjoy light holiday refreshments.

Best of all, guests who brought a jar of peanut butter or a can of tuna to donate to the Alameda County Community Food Bank were provided free entry into ZooLights that began at 5:30 p.m. ZooLights is the largest LED light festival in Northern California and runs through January 4th.

This larger-than-life light display mirrors the Oakland Zoo's year-round animal residents. More than 120 animal structures are illuminated with festival lights orchestrated to holiday music.



## Jingle Tails Holiday Party Collects Over 400 Pounds of Food for the Alameda County Community Food Bank



Residents of the 18<sup>th</sup> Assembly District opened their kitchen cabinets and hearts by donating 425 pounds of food at the Jingle Tails Holiday Party and Food Drive. As suggested, most guests donated cans of tuna and jars of peanut butter as these are two protein items most requested by the Alameda County Community Food Bank. These two protein items tend to have the longest shelf life and provide the important nutritional values to fulfill the dietary needs of those less fortunate.

As many families brace for the hard economic times, the food bank has seen a 40 percent increase in demand at a time when donations have dropped off. If you would like to make a food donation to help end hunger, please contact the Alameda County Community Food Bank at (510) 635-3663. The Food Bank provides food assistance for 40,000 low-income Alameda County residents each week, which includes 14,000 children and 7,000 seniors. Most adults served are among the working poor.



## Assemblymember Hayashi Volunteers as a Celebrity Waiter for Hayward's Senior Holiday Luncheon

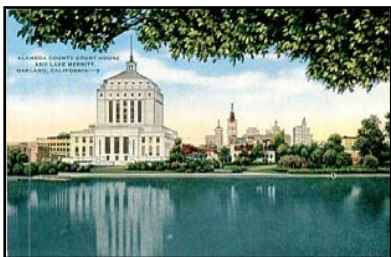


The Spirit of the Season was abundantly clear this past week at the Hayward Area Senior Center. The Choir from Castro Valley High School filled the room with holiday carols as Assemblymember Mary Hayashi and Hayward Mayor Michael Sweeney served meals as celebrity waiters during the Senior Holiday Luncheon.

Guests were treated to the holiday luncheon that featured ham, vegetables, and cake for dessert. Happy Holidays!



## Alameda County Democratic Lawyers Club Honors Assemblymember Hayashi



The Alameda County Democratic Lawyers Club recognized Assemblymember Hayashi with its Distinguished Public Service Award this past weekend. Assemblymember Hayashi accepted the award during the Club's Winter Social and Elections Celebration. She was selected for the award based on her numerous contributions to the Alameda County community. In 2007, Congresswoman Barbara Lee was the recipient of this prestigious award.

Founded in the mid-1950s, the Alameda County Democratic Lawyers Club is among the most established and respected political organizations in the San Francisco Bay Area.

## Two More Organizations Give Assemblymember Hayashi Their Highest Praise



The National Association of Social Workers, California Chapter (NASW-CA) and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) recently awarded Assemblymember Mary Hayashi with 100% ratings based on their 2008 legislative scorecards.



NASW-CA honored Assemblymember Hayashi for supporting legislation that focused on protecting and enhancing social workers and their clients. The NASW-CA represents professional social workers and advocates on behalf of its members and their clients to help improve programs that benefit the people's well-being and meet their basic needs.

AFSCME recognized Assemblymember Hayashi for her 2008 voting record on legislation that protected working families of California. AFSCME represents a large number of diverse employees that provide vital everyday services for the residents of California.

## Assemblymember Hayashi Attends Groundbreaking for San Leandro's 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Campus



In November, Assemblymember Hayashi joined administrators and school boardmembers of San Leandro Unified to commemorate the ground breaking of the new San Leandro 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Campus to be located on Bancroft Avenue a block down the street from the high school.

Thanks to the voters' passage of Measure B, \$38 million has been allocated to the San Leandro 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Campus to expand upon the district's ability to support the high-quality academic programs and reduce classroom overcrowding. The campus will have three floors of classrooms, library services, kitchen facilities, and a separate gymnasium building that may be available for public joint-use after school hours.

## Veterans' Day Parade in Hayward Honored Those Who Served and Currently Serving



On November 11<sup>th</sup>, hundreds of people gathered to watch the Veterans' Day Parade in downtown Hayward. Assemblymember Hayashi joined marching bands and local veterans' organizations in honoring those who served or are currently serving our country.

Pictured to the right, Assemblymember Hayashi talks with parade observers and military families about state issues.





## Dian Harrison Named to Board of Registered Nursing



Ms. Dian Harrison, President and CEO of Planned Parenthood Golden Gate, was recently appointed by Assembly Speaker Karen Bass to the State Board of Registered Nursing. Earlier this year, Ms. Harrison was named “Woman of the Year” for the 18<sup>th</sup> Assembly District. She has served over 30 years in the not-for-profit sector and previously held leadership positions at organizations such as the United Way, Urban League and Fish University, one of the oldest black colleges and universities.

Ms. Harrison’s compassion and understanding of important healthcare needs will greatly benefit the board and the important community that it serves in the state. Congratulations!

## Longtime Trustee Dr. Alison Lewis Retires from Chabot-Las Positas Community College Board



After 17 years of dedicated service on the Chabot-Las Positas Community College Board, Dr. Alison Lewis ended her term of office in late November. Assemblymember Hayashi presented Dr. Lewis with a proclamation on behalf of the California State Legislature recognizing her exemplary record of career and civic leadership.

Among her many accomplishments, Dr. Lewis advocated for sustainability as the district embarked on a \$498 million facilities bond. As plans unfolded for new facilities, she put forth her strategic vision for a sustainable campus which incorporated energy savings and natural landscapes.

Besides her work on the college board, Dr. Lewis currently serves as Alameda County Supervisor Gail Steele’s Chief-of-Staff.



## Hayward Celebrates Grand Opening of New Senior Affordable Housing



In November, the Hayward community celebrated the grand opening of its brand new 60-unit development of senior rental housing. Located across the street from the Hayward Downtown BART station, this new facility will provide quality affordable housing opportunities for seniors as well as a mixed use, transit-based development space.

Managed by Eden Housing, the new facility also contains the corporate offices for Eden Housing which recently commemorated its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of serving the East Bay.



## Assemblymember Hayashi Recognizes Past Presidents of Chabot College Foundation



The Chabot College Foundation hosted its 2008 Starlight Club fundraiser to support education grants and programs for students at Chabot College. Each year, the foundation honors volunteers who have given their much valued time and efforts by presenting them with a Gladiator award.

Assemblymember Hayashi honored this year's recipients with recognition on behalf of the State Assembly. Honors were presented to Dr. Marshall Mitzman, Mr. Richard Hong, and Mr. John Guterrez.



## Hayward Education Foundation Celebrates Its 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Luncheon



Education, business, and civic leaders convened for the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Hayward Education Foundation's Annual Holiday Luncheon on December 4<sup>th</sup> at Centennial Hall.

Assemblymember Hayashi presented an Assembly Resolution honoring the staff and volunteers who for the past 25 years have awarded more than 650 grants totaling over \$728,000 to Hayward schools. These grants provide extensive curriculum development and academic enrichment for the students of Hayward.



Each year, the Holiday Luncheon features the musical talents from Hayward high schools and a catered lunch served by Hayward students. Congratulations!

## Assemblymember Hayashi Swears-In Two San Leandro City Councilmembers



Councilmembers Joyce Starosciak and Jim Prola were sworn into office on December 15<sup>th</sup> by Assemblymember Hayashi at the San Leandro City Council Chambers.

As leaders of the community, they have acted to improve the lives of working families, protect the health and well-being of children, and stood-up for our democratic values. With kindness, vision, and strength, Councilmember Starosciak has inspired others to be better and to serve better, and we are fortunate to have her in San Leandro. We look forward to another successful term under her leadership.



Councilmember Prola was first appointed to the council in February 2007 and won his first election to office in June 2008. He has an extensive resume from coaching youth sports, being active with the Sierra Club, and volunteering with the local schools. His greatest contribution throughout his career has been fighting

for working families as a leader for the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees. With his integrity and amazing heart, we cannot but expect him to increase the spirits of working families throughout San Leandro. Congratulations.

### Three Pleasanton School Board Members Sworn-In



Assemblymember Hayashi had the honor of swearing into office three newly elected Pleasanton Unified School District trustees this month. Returning to the board after being appointed in February 2007, Trustee Chris Grant will continue to bring innovation to the schools and enrich the lives of the students.

In addition, Assemblymember Hayashi officiated the Oath of Office to board newcomers Valerie Arkin and Jamie Yee Hintzke. Trustee Arkin comes to the Pleasanton School Board as a committed community volunteer and proud parent of three children.



Trustee Hintzke grew up in Pleasanton and lives here with her husband Jeff, and two children. She has been a dedicated advocate for children, school health consultant, member of the PTA, and served on several school district boards. Ms. Hintzke was also recognized in 2006 as the 18th Assembly District Woman of the Year.

### Assemblymember Hayashi Swears-In Three New San Leandro School Board Members



On December 2<sup>nd</sup>, Assemblymember Hayashi officiated the Oath of Office to three newly elected San Leandro Unified School District board members; Hermy Almonte, Morgan Mack-Rose and Diana Prola.

Trustee Almonte brings his experience as a leader for affordable housing, President of the English Learner Advisory Committee and proud parent of two children who attended San Leandro schools.

Trustee Mack-Rose is a mother of two children and has been involved with nonprofits as well as serving as a founding member for parent action groups to improve parks and schools. Her commitment to improving the community by bringing together administrators, teachers and parents to solve problems and take actions will serve the district well.



Trustee Prola brings a wealth of teaching experience that spans practically the entire K-14 curriculum. She has taught every grade from first grade to courses in community colleges. She spent three years as an elementary school principal and retired four years ago from San Lorenzo Unified School District. Her husband, the Honorable Jim Prola, serves on the San Leandro City Council.



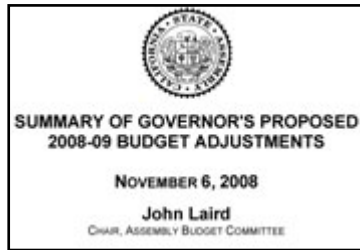
## Assemblymember Mary Hayashi Begins Her 2<sup>nd</sup> Term



Thanks to the voters of 18<sup>th</sup> district, Assemblymember Mary Hayashi began her second term of office on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Supporters and well wishers stopped by her capitol office to celebrate and watch the swearing-in process from the Assembly Floor.

Assembly Speaker Karen Bass has appointed Assemblymember Hayashi to serve as the Chair of the Business and Professions Committee as of December 2008. The committee's primary purpose is consumer protection, having oversight of the Department of Consumer Affairs occupational licensing and enforcement boards.

## Local Leaders Meet with Assemblymembers Hayashi and Laird to Discuss State Budget



In late November, Assemblymember Mary Hayashi held a briefing on the California State Budget at her district office in Hayward. Former Assemblymember John Laird, Chair of the Assembly Budget Committee, was the featured speaker at this event, which briefed city and county leaders about the latest legislative budget hearing and the state budget's impact on local governments, education, and healthcare.

The hearing also described proposals to stimulate economic growth and employment. These proposals include efforts to create jobs by accelerating funding of approved infrastructure projects, such as transportation, water, and hospital construction. Also key to strengthening the economy will be actions to address the mortgage crisis in order to help Californians avoid foreclosure and stay in their homes. Proposals include an immediate 90-day stay on foreclosures to give lenders and borrowers more time to work on loan modifications, and long-term reform on lending practices and consumer loan education.

## Alameda County Receives \$4.8 Million for Mental Health Prevention and Early Intervention



The Mental Health Services and Oversight Accountability Commission approved an allocation of \$4,891,876 for Alameda County's Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) program in November. The program will provide county mental health care services to children, transition-aged youth, and older adults, with a focus on reducing the stigma of mental illness and reaching diverse communities.

The prevention and early intervention component is a cornerstone of Proposition 63. Alameda and Merced Counties will join six other counties that have been approved to implement interventions and programs to prevent the initial onset of a behavioral disorder or mental illness. Prop. 63, the Mental Health Services Act, was passed by California voters in November 2004, and has made \$3 billion available for county mental health funding.

## Assemblymember Hayashi's Voting Record and Helpful Links

AFSCME	100% Rating	
Asian Americans for Civil Rights and Equality	100% Rating	
California League of Conservation Voters	100% Rating	Assemblymember Hayashi's Website ( <a href="#">Click Here</a> )
Children's Advocacy Institute	Highest Ranking	
Consumer Federation of California	100% Rating	Assemblymember Hayashi's Biography ( <a href="#">Click Here</a> )
Equality California	100% Rating	
Lambda Letters Project-People of Color	100% Rating	Email Assemblymember Hayashi ( <a href="#">Click Here</a> )
Lambda Letters Project-Women's Issues	100% Rating	
National Association of Social Workers – CA	100% Rating	District Events ( <a href="#">Click Here</a> )
National Organization for Women - California	100% Rating	
PawPac's Animal Rights and Wildlife Issues	A+ Ranking	Assemblymember Hayashi's District Map ( <a href="#">Click Here</a> )
Sierra Club	100% Rating	



## Community Events

### Oakland's Representatives Co-Host Holiday Party and Food Drive – December 16<sup>th</sup>



Looking for a family friendly event this holiday season? Please join Congresswoman Barbara Lee, Senator Loni Hancock, Assemblymembers Mary Hayashi, Sandré Swanson, Nancy Skinner, Mayor Ron Dellums and Alameda County Supervisor Keith Carson for Holiday Party at the Garden Center, Lakeside Park/Lake Merritt, located at 666 Bellevue Avenue in Oakland from 5:00 pm to 8:00 p.m. Guests will enjoy light holiday refreshments, children arts activities, and seasonal music.

To share in the Spirit of the Season, guests are encouraged to bring a donation such as a non-perishable food item, unwrapped new toys or books, or warm winter clothes.

Reservations are requested by contacting Earp Events at (510) 839-3100.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Vision Screening for Seniors – Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup> in San Leandro



In observance of January being National Glaucoma Awareness Month, Assemblymember Mary Hayashi is hosting the second annual Free Vision Screening Clinic for Seniors on Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Marina Community Center, Titan Auditorium, located at 15301 Wicks Blvd. in San Leandro.

Optometrists from the California Optometric Association will provide free vision screenings to test for glaucoma, cataracts, and other general eye diseases. As we age, our eyes become more susceptible to common eye diseases and disorders. It is important for seniors to have an annual eye exam in order to detect early stages of problematic eye

conditions while they can be prevented or corrected.

To RSVP for a free eye screening, please contact Assemblymember Mary Hayashi's district office at (510) 583-8818. Space is limited and reservations are required.

## Resources Available

### Publications Available



Child Immunization Law



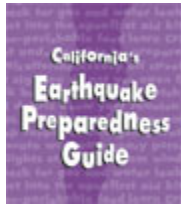
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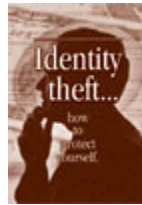
Senior Resource Guide



Home Mortgage Crisis Resource Guide



Earthquake Preparedness Guide



ID Theft Guide



Diabetes Guide



Stroke: Don't ignore the risk factors!



Breast Cancer Resource Guide



Children's Coloring Book – How a Bill Becomes Law



The California State Budget Process

Free community resource guides are now available in print or online through Assemblymember Mary Hayashi's district office. Copies are available throughout the 18<sup>th</sup> Assembly District at senior centers, libraries, health clinics, and community organizations. If you or your organization would like printed copies, contact the district office at (510) 583-8818.

### State Resources Website



Want to find energy saving tips? Find it and over 170 other state resource links that offer valuable information on a wide range of topics such as how to find a smog-check only station, how to receive free cash for college, how to protect yourself from identity theft, and how to apply for a FasTrak toll device.

To visit the new webpage, log on to Assemblymember Hayashi's official homepage at [www.assembly.ca.gov/hayashi](http://www.assembly.ca.gov/hayashi) and click on the State Resources Websites link. This will lead web browsers to a list of service-based websites. From there click on any of the service links and be directed to the appropriate state agency's website.

Whether you're looking for tips on how to save on prescriptions or attempting to find the nearest recycling center, this new webpage is a convenient and comprehensive resource.

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